



# BIOGRAPHY

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### COLONEL TORRENCE “TORY” W. SAXE

Colonel Torrence Saxe is the Commander, Alaska Air National Guard. As commander, he ensures the training and equipping of over 2,300 Alaska citizen airmen in two flying wings. He provides airlift, rescue, aerial refueling, air control, and space warning and surveillance capabilities in support of state and federal missions worldwide.

Col. Saxe entered the Air Force in 1995 as a distinguished graduate of the Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama. His first assignment was at Malmstrom AFB, Montana, where he served as both Flight Commander and instructor for the Intercontinental Ballistic Missile mission. Col. Saxe is a former detachment commander at Royal Air Force Feltwell, United Kingdom, and executive officer for the 21st Operations Group, Peterson AFB, Colorado. He has also served on the staff at Headquarters Air Force Space Command as a Space and Missile Assignment Officer. Col. Saxe joined the Alaska Air National Guard in 2004, serving in various positions at Clear Air Force Station, Alaska, to include assignments as commander of the 213th Space Warning Squadron and the 13th Space Warning Squadron. As the 13th Space Warning Squadron commander he also served as the Federal Installation Commander. His next assignment was as the 176th Maintenance Group Commander, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska.

Prior to his current position, Col. Saxe was the commander of the 168th Wing, Eielson AFB, Alaska.



#### EDUCATION

- 1993 Bachelor of Arts, Government, Eastern Washington University, Cheney, Wash. Summa Cum Laude
- 2001 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., by correspondence and residence
- 2002 Master of Arts, Air Warfare, American Military University, Manassas, Va.
- 2006 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
- 2013 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2013 Master of Arts, Strategic Studies, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2013 Joint Professional Military Education Phase II, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. November 1995 – October 1999, ICBM Officer and Instructor, 341st Missile Wing, Malmstrom AFB, Montana
2. October 1999 – October 2000, Chief Operations Training, Chief of Standardization/Evaluation, 13 SWS, Clear AFS, Alaska
3. October 2000 – May 2002, Commander, Detachment 1, 21st Operations Group, RAF Feltwell, United Kingdom
4. May 2002 – July 2003, Executive Officer, 21st Operations Group, Peterson AFB, Colorado
5. July 2003 – April 2004, Space and Missile Assignments Officer, HQ Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colorado
6. Apr 2004 – June 2011, Chief Standardization/Evaluation, Operations Officer, Commander, 213 SWS, Clear AFS, Alaska
7. June 2011 – June 2012, Commander 13th Space Warning Squadron, Clear AFS, Alaska
8. June 2012 – May 2013, Resident Student Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
9. May 2013 – November 2014, Commander 176th Maintenance Group, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska
10. November 2014 – November 2015, Vice Commander 168th Air Refueling Wing, Eielson AFB, Alaska

**ASSIGNMENTS Cont'd**

11. November 2015 – June 2018, Commander 168th Wing, Eielson AFB, Alaska
12. June 2018 – Present, Commander Alaska Air National Guard, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska

**MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Achievement Medal  
Combat Readiness Medal

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant, March 1995  
First Lieutenant, March 1997  
Captain, March 1999  
Major, Nov. 2004  
Lieutenant Colonel, July 2009  
Colonel, Dec. 2013

(Current as of November 2018)